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In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP NEW APPLICATION**  
Sidem Pharmat al. )  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: December 22, 2005 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
For: MONOHYDRATED SODIUM SALT ) Confirmation No.: Unassigned  
OF S-TENATOPRAZOLE AND THE )  
USE THEREOF IN THERAPY )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.